Sri T. CHANNIAH.—In consideration of hard and strenuous work, 50 per cent of pay is given as malaria allowance to the executive staff and a special locality allowance for the staff working there. Those who are getting Rs. 50 and below are given at the rate of one anna per rupee.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is this allowance given to all the Government servants, both superior and inferior, other than those working under the National Malaria Control scheme ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Only to the inferior staff.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is at least special locality allowance given to them ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Inferior staff are not eligible for this allowance.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—What is the reason for eliminating the inferior staff ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Payment of allowances was considered unnecessary in their cases.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Are they not subjected to the same difficulties as the superior staff ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—That is a matter of opinion.

Drinking water wells in villages.

Q.—765. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they are going to prepare a comprehensive plan to provide drinking water wells in rural parts ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

Yes. The problem is being tackled in two parts. The Government is taking action to complete a large number of incomplete wells which require to be completed. This may take about a year. After this is done, it is proposed to draw up a plan for fresh works.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Have you made any estimate or survey of the total amount required for the completion of the incomplete wells for the whole State ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—What is the amount of the estimate ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Nearly 14 lakhs.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the money allotted in 1954-55 is insufficient for the completion of these incomplete wells ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—It is quite possible to meet this expenditure next year, as a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs will be made available out of Land Revenue assignments in addition to the budget provision of several lakhs. With this amount we hope to complete the incomplete wells numbering 2,090 and settle the pending claims of contractors. It may be possible to take up some fresh works also.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—You have answered that the problem is being tackled in two parts and that the Government is taking action to complete a large number of incomplete wells which require to be completed. Did you provide lesser amount for the completion of these wells ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—As I told you a sum of Rs. 17 lakhs is available for expenditure during 1954-55, against the estimated cost of completing incompleted wells. A sum of Rs. one lakh will still be available for fresh well works.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—What will be the amount required for rural water wells apart from incomplete wells ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a big problem.

Underground Drainage, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Q.—774. Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned underground drainage system to Chitaldrug Municipality ;